

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Claims 1-19 are amended.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A safety connection intended for suspending objects, for instance curtain rails, rods, towel racks and the like, the safety connection ~~[[ (2) ]]~~ comprising at least one first ~~[[ (3) ]]~~ and one second ~~[[ (4) ]]~~ retaining element, wherein the ~~[[one]]~~ first retaining element ~~(3; 4)~~ after mounting, ~~being~~ is coupled to the object ~~[[ (1) ]]~~ to be suspended, ~~while~~ and the ~~other~~ second retaining element ~~(4; 3)~~ after mounting, is connected to an environment, the first ~~[[ (3) ]]~~ and second ~~[[ (4) ]]~~ retaining element being detachably connected to each other such that, under ~~[[the]]~~ influence of a particular tensile force (F) applied to ~~these~~ the retaining elements ~~(3, 4)~~, ~~these~~ the retaining elements ~~(3, 4)~~ disconnect, wherein the second retaining element ~~[[ (4) ]]~~ ~~is provided with~~ comprises at least one resilient lip ~~[[ (5) ]]~~, ~~while~~ the first and second retaining elements ~~(3, 4)~~ are arranged to cooperate via ~~[[that]]~~ the at least one resilient lip ~~[[ (5) ]]~~ for effecting said detachable coupling of the retaining elements ~~(3, 4)~~.
2. (Currently Amended) A safety connection according to claim 1, wherein the at least one resilient lip ~~[[ (5) ]]~~ is an integral part of the second retaining element ~~[[ (4) ]]~~.

3. (Currently Amended) A safety connection according to claim 1, wherein, after mounting, the at least one resilient lip  $[(5)]$  extends, on average, in a direction including an angle ( $\gamma$ ) with a vertical plane in the range of approximately  $10^\circ - 45^\circ$ .

4. (Currently Amended) A safety connection according to claim 3, wherein the at least one resilient lip  $[(5)]$ , after mounting, extends, on average, in a direction including an angle ( $\gamma$ ) with a vertical plane in the range of approximately  $15^\circ - 30^\circ$ .

5. (Currently Amended) A safety connection according to claim 1, wherein the at least one resilient lip  $[(5)]$  is manufactured from plastic.

6. (Currently Amended) A safety connection according to claim 1, wherein a front end  $[(7)]$  of the at least one resilient lip  $[(5)]$  of the second retaining element  $[(4)]$  touches a slide-off surface  $[(6)]$  of the first retaining element  $[(3)]$ .

7. (Currently Amended) A safety connection according to claim 6, wherein said front lip end  $[(7)]$  comprises a sliding surface  $[(8)]$  which is substantially parallel to at least  $[(the)]$  part of said slide-off surface  $[(6)]$  of the first retaining element  $[(3)]$ .

8. (Currently Amended) A safety connection according to claim 6, wherein said slide-off surface  $[(6)]$  of the first retaining element  $[(3)]$  after mounting, viewed in vertical cross section, includes an angle ( $\alpha$ ) with a vertical plane in the range of  $45^\circ - 70^\circ$ .

9. (Currently Amended) A safety connection according to claim 8, wherein that the said angle ( $\alpha$ ) is in the range of  $60^\circ$  -  $70^\circ$ .
10. (Currently Amended) A safety connection according to claim 1, wherein the first retaining element [(3)], after mounting, extends at least partly through a substantially vertical passage [(9)] of the second retaining element [(4)].
11. (Currently Amended) A safety connection according to claim 10, wherein the first retaining element [(3)] is provided with a widened head [(10)] located, after mounting, above said passage [(9)], which head [(10)] touches a part, such as the front end [(7)] of the at least one resilient lip [(5)] of the second retaining element [(4)].
12. (Currently Amended) A safety connection according to claim 6, wherein the a widened head [(10)] of the first retaining element [(3)] is provided with said slide-off surface [(6)].
13. (Currently Amended) A safety connection according to ~~at least~~ claim 10, wherein the second retaining element [(4)] is provided with a number of resilient lips [(5)] extending obliquely towards each other for forming a constriction of said passage [(9)] of the second retaining element [(4)].

14. (Currently Amended) A safety connection according to claim 1, wherein the first and second retaining elements ~~(3, 4)~~ are each of rotation-symmetrical design relative to an axis ~~[(17)]~~ of symmetry, which is vertical, at least after mounting.

15. (Currently Amended) A safety connection according to claim 1, wherein the second retaining element ~~[(4)]~~ connected to the environment is mounted in a tube ~~[[of]]~~ or pendant ~~[(12)]~~ having an inside diameter of less than 2 cm.

16. (Currently Amended) A safety connection according to claim 15, wherein said tube or pendant ~~[(12)]~~ has a diameter in the range of 10 - 15 mm.

17. (Currently Amended) A curtain rail system, provided with at least one safety connection according to claim 1.

18. (Currently Amended) A safety connection for coupling objects, ~~for instance rails, rods, towel racks and the like,~~ to an environment ~~such as a ceiling and/or a wall,~~ wherein the connecting device ~~[(30)]~~ is provided with at least one safety connection according to claim 1.

19. (Currently Amended) A connecting device according to claim 18, wherein the connecting device ~~[(30)]~~ is designed for supporting an upper side of the object ~~[(1)]~~ to be coupled to the environment at a front end ~~[(108)]~~.